



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

VICTOR B LORTZ

Application No.: 09/823,216

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO IMPLEMENT
A STATE MACHINE**

Art Group: 2126

Examiner: Bross, Edward J

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 08, 2004, from the Office Action dated October 08, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$420.00 and a Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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